Action (CoBRA) in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Like the 'Grey Hounds' in Andhra Pradesh, this will be a specialized force, trained in Jungle/Gureilla Warfare skills and provided with the relevant equipment, weaponry, etc.

The proposed time schedule for raising of the 10 Battalions is given below:-

Year	Number and Location
2008-09	2 (Orissa and Chhattisgarh)
2009-10	4 (Jharkhand, Assam, Bihar and Maharashtra)
2010-11	4 (West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh)

(c) The CoBRA battalions will be fully funded by the Central Government.

(d) After establishment and operationalisation of the CoBRA battalions, their units would be deployed at various places as per need.

Ban on import of Chinese toys

*55. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rationale behind the decision of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade in banning the import of Chinese toys;

(b) whether it is a fact that there were growing complaints about how safe they were for children;

(c) what is the likely impact of the ban on Indian market and society; and

(d) whether the Directorate is contemplating to increase its scope and ban more items from China?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The prohibition on import of toys from China has been imposed in response to concerns of health and safety faced by users of Chinese toys. The prohibition is an interim measure during which the Government intends to examine the issue in detail, for Notification of mandatory standards applicable on toys in India. Application of mandatory standards on toys will have a positive impact on the society in terms of availability of safe toys for children in India.

Import Policy of the country is decided by the Government taking into consideration a large number of factors including the interest of the consumers and those of the producers. At present there is no proposal under consideration for banning import of any further items from China.

Reduction in employment opportunities

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DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.